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TITLE: "MAGNETO-OPTICAL READOUT METHOD AND MAGNETO-OPTICAL READOUT HEAD AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME"

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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AR "A Method for Observation and Measurement of the Velocity of Bubble Propagation in Thin Ferrogarnet Films," IL'Yashenko et al., *Physica Status Solidi*, Vol. 36 (1976), pp. K1-K6

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AR was identified and discussed at page 6 of the present specification. The article was cited solely as providing a background discussion of physics considerations related to the subject matter disclosed in the present application. Since Reference AR is in English, no further commentary concerning its teachings is necessary.

A copy of Reference AR together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

Reference AR does not disclose or suggest a magneto-optical readout method nor a magneto-optical readout head, nor a method for making a magneto-optical readout head, as disclosed and claimed in the present application.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above reference, taken singly or in combination with any of the other previously-submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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